

State of Arizona Department of Education

SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 14-057

TO: District Superintendents, District Managers,

Joint Technological Education District Business Managers and Superintendents

FROM: Lyle Friesen, Director of School Finance

DATE: June 30, 2014

SUBJECT: June 30, 2014 Basic calculations for Equalization Assistance Report (APOR 55-1) and

Equalization Assistance and Additional State Aid Detail Report (APOR 64-1)

Please be advised that the June 30, 2014 apportionment has been completed. The apportionment reports applicable to the FY2014 equalization payment for your school district are posted on your district's home page on the ADE web site (http://www.ade.az.gov/districts/default.asp). If you need help finding or viewing these reports please contact ADE/ IT Technology support team at 602-542-7378 or toll free at (866) 577-9636.

The following items have been included in June 30, 2014 APOR calculations:

- Student Counts: Student counts reflect the results of the FY2013 processing of student detail submitted by June 30, 2013 and 915s completed by June 6, 2014. If you have questions or concerns regarding the student counts, please contact your Account Analyst directly. The following link takes you to the account analysts list where you can find your account analyst contact information: https://www.azed.gov/Administrators/SF/Lists/LEAAccountAnalysts/AllItems.aspx. FY 2013 ADMS46-1, SPED28, and ELLS28-1 reports, based on the FY 2013 statewide recalculations are available for your review at http://www.ade.az.gov/districts/default.asp.
- State Aid Rollover: For FY 2014, the rollover will be spread across all 12 scheduled payments. Each school district's portion of the rollover is based on its annual Net State Aid (APOR64-1, page 1) and Additional State Aid (APOR64-1, Page 2), rather than the payment amounts for specific months. Adjustments for legislated reductions (lump sum reductions to District Additional Assistance and caps on state aid to JTEDs) will also be considered. The FY 2014 rollover, \$930,727,700, will be allocated to Basic State Aid and Additional State Aid based on statewide totals prior to the allocation to individual school districts.
- **District Additional Assistance:** The Capital Outlay Revenue Limit (CORL) calculation factors have been updated to reflect the combination of CORL and the Soft Capital Allocation (SCA), pursuant to A.R.S §15-961 as amended by Laws 2013, 1st Special Session, Chapter 3, Section 27. SCA Factors, except for Charter Additional Assistance, have been set to zero.
- **District Sponsored Charter School ADMS:** These student counts are based on FY2014 100th day ADMS if data was successfully submitted by June 6, 2014 @ 5pm.
- Transportation Support Level (TSL): Route miles from FY2013 were reflected in the June 30, 2014 equalization calculation. Please check your comparative miles report (TRAN40-2) if your



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route miles do not match your route report. Please email your account analyst if you have any questions or concerns regarding this report.

• Additional Assistance Reduction:

- 1. District Additional Assistance Reduction: The district additional assistance reduction has been finalized and the report is available under HOT TOPICS.
- 2. Charter and District Sponsored Charter Additional Assistance Reduction Final reduction based on the 100th day ADM were included in the May payment for charters and DSCS districts. It can be found by the last page of APOR64-1 report. The worksheet is available under SF HOT TOPICS.

• DAA growth adjustment:

Laws 2013, 1st Special Session, Chapter 3, Section 27 amended A.R.S. §15-961 to blend Soft Capital and Capital Outlay Revenue Limit into District Additional Assistance. With the blending, limiting CORL Growth (Now DAA Growth) to 50% was necessary to maintain the same level of funding. Currently, the APOR55-1 allows 100% of DAA Growth. A manual adjustment, reducing CORL Growth to 50% was included in the May payment for impacted districts on the APOR64-1 and the BUDG25.

• Type 03 Transportation:

Laws 2013, 1st Special Session, Chapter 3, Section 26 amended A.R.S. §15- 951 to blend Soft Capital and Capital Outlay Revenue Limit into District Additional Assistance. With the blending, limiting the amount of DAA for Type 03 transported high school students to 50% was necessary to maintain the same level of funding. Currently, the APOR55-1 allows 100%. A manual adjustment, reducing DAA for transported students to 50% was included in the May payment for impacted districts on the APOR64-1 and the BUDG25.

- Audit Expense Adjustment: Adjustments were made for Districts who successfully submitted all Budget paperwork and Contract limits for nonfederal audit expenses. These amounts can be seen on the APOR55-1 as a Base Support Level Adjustment.
- Type 03 Tuition-Out Adjustment: Adjustments were made for Type 03 districts who tuition-out students and successfully submitted the budget information.

If you have any questions regarding the content of your APOR reports, please contact the Payment Team, via email at SFPaymentTeam@ade.az.gov